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ABSTRACT

This book presents an overview of the field of psychology, its origins, uses, and career opportunities. Chapter 1, "Common-sense Views and Misconceptions about Psychology," looks at common ideas and misconceptions about psychology. Chapter 2, "Background and History of Psychology," considers what psychology is and is not. Chapter 3, "Major Research Methods in Psychology," discusses the methods psychologists use to investigate their subject. Chapter 4, "What Goes On in Psychology?" explores what psychology students are usually taught, the methods of instruction, and some typical examples of psychological research. Chapter 5, "Uses (and Possible Abuses) of Psychology," is concerned with the way psychology is used by society and professional psychologists. Chapter 6, "Taking Things Further," gives some guidance on how to take a further interest in psychology through reading or more formal study and how that study could lead to a career in psychology or other allied areas. Contains references and an index. (EH)

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